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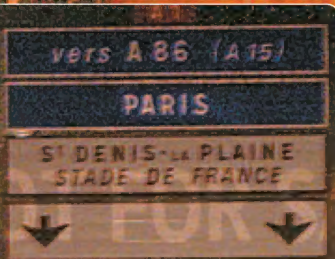
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**Red Devil
Ronaldo's a
bunny in bed**

EXCLUSIVE: PAGES 8 & 9

Pictures: AP



FLAMING HELL: A car burns on the streets of Pierrefitte, north of Paris, yesterday, as riot police patrol the Saint Denis highway

Paris matchbox

RIOTING flared again in Paris last night as gangs rampaged for a ninth day. More than 250 suspects have been arrested during the troubles, sparked by the deaths of two youngsters fleeing from police. More than 1,000 cars have been firebombed and several people injured. Last night Prime Minister

Dominique de Villepin called key ministers and Muslim leaders to his offices to try to find an end to the escalating violence. In one attack a disabled woman was burned when a bus she was on was petrol bombed. Even paramedics treating the casualties were subjected to sickening attacks.

A police spokesman at the scene said: "It's like civil war spreading to the French ghettos." The fighting broke out on October 27 after two African youths, aged 15 and 17, died in an electricity sub-station. A third boy was also badly burned in the incident which came as police probed a burglary.

CUP KILLOFF PM'S SWEET FA

Flooding warning

BRITAIN was bracing itself for severe flooding today.

Worst hit areas are likely to be South and mid-Wales and Devon and Cornwall.

They will be hit by persistent heavy rain which could continue until tonight.

The Lower Dee Valley from Llangollen in North Wales to Chester was also on flood alert.

The Met Office last night issued a severe weather warning. It comes after many areas have suffered a week of torrential rain which has left the ground saturated.

A spokesman said: "Parts of the South-West and South Wales could get up to three inches of rain." He also forecast more heavy rain this week.

SPOILSPORT Tony Blair has ruled out a public holiday even if England win next year's World Cup.

Asked about a day off to celebrate, he said bluntly: "No. I get asked for holidays for everything."

The Prime Minister was taking a break from his troubles in the Commons to appear on BBC1 Grandstand's Football Focus with John Motson and Mark Lawrenson.

And he praised another troubled man at the top, England boss Sven Goran Eriksson who's been criticised for poor team performances.

Mr Blair said: "There is nobody who gets to that position who doesn't feel every

by MARK JEFFERIES

emotion. He is going to take that squad next year to the World Cup and they could go all the way.

"I think we can win it and I don't share some of the criticism of Sven. We are starting with a clean slate in Germany and you have got to have confidence.

Great

"Even great teams have their off moments. They did qualify and they put up a great squad. They are one of several teams who can win it."

Mr Blair was then quizzed about how the new Wembley stadium is coming along.

He replied: "I spoke to someone about this before I came on and they told me to



Picture: BBC/PA

PLAYTIME: Blair with Motson, left, and Lawrenson

say we are moving towards it. I don't know exactly what that means. They are sounding like me!

"The one thing you can be sure of is that the stadium is going to be magnificent."

He also revealed that he tells young politicians to watch football managers' post-match interviews to learn how to

cope with journalists. And he played down the pressures of his own job, saying: "If you can't stand the heat, don't go in the kitchen."

"It is like all these football managers' jobs, it's voluntary."

Asked which manager he might like in his Cabinet, he confided: "Alex Ferguson. He's tough and takes no nonsense."

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Six in horror attack

SIX men needed hospital treatment after a shooting and spate of stabbings in East London.

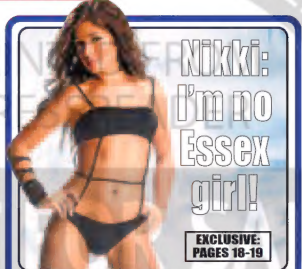
Police believe the victims and two women were in two cars, parked side by side in Bethnal Green, when a gunman approached and fired through the open windows.

One or two accomplices then

stabbed the men before fleeing. The victims, all Asians in their late teens or early 20s, were rushed to two London hospitals.

Five have been discharged and the sixth is in a stable condition.

A police spokesman said they were "keeping an open mind" about Thursday night's incident.



Nikki: I'm no Essex girl!

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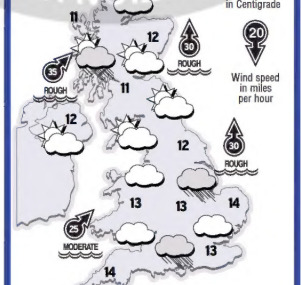
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INFO STATION

TODAY: Windy with heavy rain moving south-eastwards. Western England and Wales will have scattered showers, mainly in the west. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunshine and showers, some heavy, but confined to western areas later.

OUTLOOK: Tomorrow, mainly dry and fine in central and eastern parts. Scattered showers in the west. On Tuesday, there will be heavy rain spreading south-east, leaving sunshine and showers.

All forecasts and maps provided by PA WeatherCentre



THREE-DAY OUTLOOK

Monday Showers

Tuesday Rain

Wednesday Showers

POUND ABROAD

Australia	2.26 dollars
Canada	1.98 dollars
Cyprus	0.80 pounds
Czech Republic	39.81 korunas
Mexico	17.13 pesos
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Thailand	64.55 baht
Turkey	2.24 new lira
United States	1.68 dollars

EURO

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ABROAD

Alcantara	sunny	20c (69t)	Moscow	fair	7c (45t)
Corfu	fair	18c (66t)	N York	cloudy	19c (66t)
Dublin	showers	12c (54t)	Nice	sunny	19c (66t)
L. Angeles	cloudy	18c (54t)	Paris	rain	12c (54t)
Madrid	rain	18c (54t)	Rhodes	sunny	17c (63t)
Majorca	rain	18c (54t)	Rome	cloudy	21c (70t)
Miami	fair	27c (81t)	Tenerife	fair	25c (77t)

She tells it like it is Sharon Marshall Read her column on Page 31

SATURDAY LOTTO NOVEMBER 5

12 13 21 26 32 39 17

EXTRA: 7, 20, 31, 37, 42, 47 T'Ball: 1, 13, 24, 30, 31 (T'b 5)

WEDNESDAY LOTTO NOVEMBER 2

19, 25, 32, 47, 48, 49 Bonus Ball 28

No ticket won the £3.1m jackpot

EXTRA: 02, 04, 08, 22, 33, 38 T'Ball: 2, 3, 4, 5, 24 (T'b 2)

No Extra winners. No T'Ball winners

EURO LOTTO FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

26, 36, 37, 38, 42 Lucky Star Numbers 2, 6

No UK ticket won the £23.4m jackpot

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Cocaine storm supermodel looking tree-mendous again

It's Kate to be back!



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■ SUPERMODEL Kate Moss shows she is as sexy as ever in her first photo-shoot since leaving a drug clinic.

The 31-year-old babe flew out for the shoot on Ibiza with three-year-old daughter Lila Grace following her 30-day spell in The Meadows, Arizona. "Cocaine" Kate, who has urged on-off boyfriend Pete Doherty to follow in her footsteps and seek addiction treatment, is making her comeback after losing several high-profile contracts.

The new ad campaign, for Italian designer Roberto Cavalli, is her first work since leaving the clinic two weeks ago.

Confident

Sporting a golden tan, she wears skimpy black lingerie and a gold choker in the pictures.

Roberto Cavalli said: "Kate looks absolutely fantastic. She is confident and stylish and she works very well with the Cavalli look."

"I think people will be stunned by the photographs. She is back working and doing what she does best and, like usual, she was really professional." Kate lost

EXCLUSIVE by ANDY LEA

lucrative contracts with H&M, Burberry and Chanel after photographs were published of her using drugs alongside her rocker lover Doherty, 26, in a recording studio.

Make-up manufacturer Rimmel decided not to drop her from its ads after she took "the difficult steps to address her personal problems".

The new photos, taken by fashion photography duo Mert and Marcus last Tuesday, will be seen in Italian Vogue, American Vogue, W and other international magazines from early next year.

Mert said: "Kate has that rare ability to come alive in front of the camera and she has lost none of that talent. She literally explodes with personality in these photos."

In addition to the Cavalli campaign, Kate features in an 11-page shoot for this month's Vanity Fair magazine.

Meanwhile, friends say she is unlikely to return to Britain before Christmas and has work lined up in Los Angeles, New York and Paris.

■ NICE TRUNK: Kate shows she's lost none of her allure in these sexy new shots for designer Roberto Cavalli. Inset, Kate looking worse for wear before her 30-day stint in a rehab clinic in Arizona

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SUNDAYTHE TOPS FOR **Reality** TELLY

CHICO LIKES

He went like Billy-oh in the sack says babe

MERRY DANCE: Sexy Zoe Ball celebrates as James Martin, below right with partner Camilla Dallerup, feels the heat in the kitchen



X FACTOR star Chico Slimani is so obsessed with goats he makes love just like them.

The pop wannabe grew up herding the bleating animals in the mountains of Morocco.

And he used to enjoy watching them having nookie with one another.

Nowadays he insists he and his lovers imitate his favourite animals to enjoy "goaty-style" sex sessions. One former lover, secretary Lisa Evans, told the Daily Star Sunday last night: "I wasn't sure what he meant when he said 'Let's do it goaty style'."

"He told me how he got lonely in the mountains and said it was a real highlight of his day when the goats had sex."

"He said he watched them out of the corner of his eye so as not to embarrass them and reckoned they really knew how to enjoy themselves."

Writhing

"I was amazed by it and begged him to teach me everything he knew!"

According to sexy Lisa, 27, Chico really gave her the horn.

The Welsh babe, who met Bridgend-born Chico on a hen night in Swansea last year, said: "He carefully arranged my body in what he called the 'goaty' position and began to make love to me."

"I was held in the wheelbarrow position with my feet near my back."

"It was incredible. I started screaming and writhing."

"Chico was thrilled and kept shouting 'Yeah baby', while smacking my bottom until it throbbed."

"I thought I was going to fly through the ceiling!"

According to Lisa Chico, 34, was the perfect gent afterwards – and even sang for her.

She said: "Instead of snoring and farting after sex like most blokes,



AMAZING: Maria Lawson

'Maria my soulmate'

SEXY Maria Lawson has been captivating X Factor viewers with her dazzling performances.

But it was one special performance more than nine years ago that husband Lawrence will always remember.

Lawrence, 31, revealed it was love at first sight when he saw Maria, 30 singing at an event in South London. He said: "She was the most amazing woman I had ever seen."

"Ever since that first night I immediately knew that she was my soulmate."

EXCLUSIVE

by STELLA WHITE

Chico gave me a great big cuddle then got up and ran me a bath. He soaped my boobs then started singing the Bryan Adams song Everything I Do, I Do It For You.

"It was so moving. It didn't occur to me that he would end up singing on TV. He really was top of the tups."

Chico lifted Lisa out of the bath, then began to ravish her again.

"We made love in every position – round the clock, sideways, with me hanging on to the curtains...but we always returned to his old favourite from the Moroccan mountains," she said.

"He loved the fact he could easily squeeze and spank my bum when I was held goaty-style."

The pair continued making love until the birds started singing, then the former stripper whispered it was time for him to go. Lisa said: "I clung

to his shoulders and he cuddled me and stroked my hair. He felt so warm and kind. As he left I felt bereft."

The next time she saw Chico he was on The X Factor.

She said: "I felt really confused and shaky. It brought all the memories flooding back – but I'm relieved our encounter didn't go any further."

Passion

"I know I would have fallen in love with him and I couldn't have handled the jealousy, seeing him mobbed by female fans."

But Lisa has no regrets: "Chico taught me the meaning of passion. He is tender, romantic and knows so much about the female body."

"Goaty-style was amazing but when I've asked blokes for it since they say 'Do what?' No one seems to have heard of it in Britain – perhaps I need to go to Morocco."

"Chico didn't just give me the best sex ever – he also made me feel really loved."

● More reality TV: Page 27

WE'VE BEEN TANGO-ED

STRICTLY Come Dancing star James Martin is practising his quick-step...so he can get away from his dancing partner's boyfriend.

The 33-year-old Ready Steady Cook chef has won himself an army of new fans on the BBC1 show.

But one viewer has been less than impressed by rumours that he and professional dancer Camilla Dallerup, 31, have struck up an unlikely romance.

He told the Daily Star Sunday: "It's been claimed that we're together, which is ridiculous."

"She's got a boyfriend, for a start, who is not very happy about the rumours. He knows they're not true but I suppose

none of us was prepared for this kind of thing and it caught us off guard."

"It was made worse when I got called by my mum at 6am asking why I hadn't introduced her."

Unlike his fellow celebrities on the show, including TV presenter Zoe Ball and GMTV's Fiona Phillips, his work doesn't end when he squeezes out of his catsuit.

He added: "The other stars have their celebrity friends calling to congratulate them."

"But come 11pm I just have a crazed chef screaming down the phone that they've run out of chicken."

"It can be a bit tiring but I've made my mum proud."



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IT GRUFF

BLEAT HOUSE:
Lisa says after
she met Chico on a
hen night he made
love to her in the
"goaty" position -
sending her into
raptures; and far right,
Chico during his days
as a male stripper

I thought
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Beard we go again

THE embers are still warm on last night's bonfires but these Santas are already in training for December 24.

The Father Christmas lookalikes are practising their ho-ho-hos ready to help the boss in 48 days' time.

They are taking part in classes at the Charles W Howard Santa School in Midland, Michigan, in the United States.

Father Christmases from all 50 US states and even further afield have been trained at the three-day school - the world's oldest - since 1937.

Pictures: REUTERS



WORST: Tom Cruise

Tom a rough golfer

TOM Cruise is Hollywood's worst golfer.

The Mission: Impossible star, 43, came last in a list of 100 celebrity players.

Dennis Quaid was top with a handicap of one.

The Day After Tomorrow actor, 51, is crazy about golf and revealed that he secures homes on private golf courses when he films away - by using his charm.

"People are usually pretty good about it," he said.

"There are three things being a celebrity is good for - raising money for charity, dinner reservations and tee times."

Highest

Quaid plays at LA's Bel-Air Country Club where Cruise is also a member.

But despite Quaid's ability it's Cruise who is Top Gun at the club - because he doles out \$100 bills to his caddies.

US comedy actor Thomas Gibson came second in the list of celeb golfers, compiled by Golf Digest.

Tea Leoni, 39, was the highest-ranked woman with a handicap of 12.

The Deep Impact actress tied for 34th place with Sly Stallone, 59.

ABIGAIL: SUSPECT NUMBER 3

A SUSPECT could be charged this month with knifing pregnant mum Abigail Witchalls.

Three people were investigated after the brutal attack in April, it was revealed for the first time yesterday.

And a dossier on the case has now been given to the Crown Prosecution Service.

A Surrey Police spokesman said: "The entire investigation has been handed over with details of all forensic evidence and statements gathered by the detectives involved in the hunt."

"Included are details of Richard Cazaly, a prime suspect in the case who later died, and the other suspect who was named at the time."

"But it's not just them, there is someone else."

The revelation comes just days after 26-year-old Abigail was able to leave hospital for the first time since the attack and prepare for the birth of her second baby, due on Christmas Day.

She was not expected to live after

New charge hint

EXCLUSIVE
by EMMA SHANKLAND

a man knifed her in the neck as she pushed her young son's buggy along a country lane at Little Bookham, Surrey.

But her progress has confounded and delighted doctors.

Although she is still partly paralysed, she can now breathe freely and can speak again.

Knife

She will live in a specially-adapted bungalow in Surrey.

Even before she had recovered her speech, Abigail used blinks, facial expressions and mouthed words to communicate with murder squad detectives.

She told them a stranger had grabbed her by the hair and pulled her to the ground before wielding

a knife. She said the man was white, aged 20-35, between 5ft 10in and 6ft 4in tall, with a long, thin face and dark hair. He wore looped earrings.

Police thought he probably had links in Little Bookham - where Abigail lived - because he appeared to have knowledge of the area.

Drifter Cazaly, 23, fled to Scotland after the attack before taking a fatal overdose.

A note was found in which Abigail was named. But police say it was not a confession.

The other suspect named at the time was traveller Terry Barnes.

Barnes, 26, always denied any involvement and was released from custody after police failed to find any evidence against him.

A source at the CPS confirmed the police file was being given careful consideration.



FIGHTBACK: Abigail during hospital rehabilitation

A MAN of 23 arrested over the stabbing of a vicar has been sectioned under the Mental Health Act, police said. The Rev Ian Brady, 45, who was injured as he walked from his church in Stanmore, north-west London, was stable in hospital yesterday.

Lotta for the Lotto

THE National Lottery's numbers have come up.

Sales increased by more than £55million in a year.

Punters are more desperate than ever to join the 1,800 millionaires created by the game since it started in 1994.

On its 11th birthday yesterday, bosses announced the Lottery is experiencing its longest-ever period of growth.

From March to September, sales of Lotto, Euro-Millions and Thunderball tickets, scratch cards and online Instant Win games grew to £2.40million.

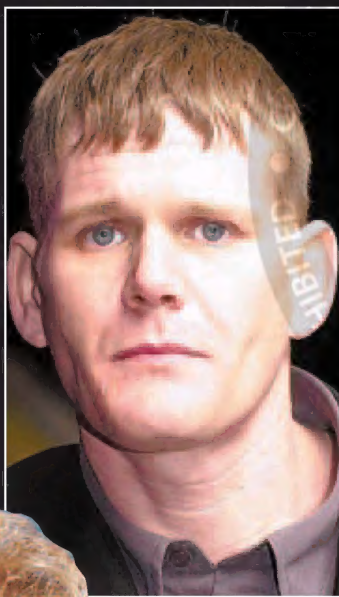
Dianne Thompson, boss of Lottery operator Camelot, said she was delighted with the results.

FLIP-FLOPS FLAP

POLICE are seeking £60,000 worth of flashing flip-flops - all the rage with clubbers in Ibiza - stolen from a Milton Keynes firm.

TWO TELLY STARS TORMENTED BY THE HORROR OF DRUGS

Ramsay's new fears for junkie brother



DEMONS: Ronnie Ramsay

TELLY chef Gordon Ramsay was facing a new battle last night to save his junkie brother.

The F Word star said that helping Ronnie, 37, come off drugs two years ago was his "greatest achievement".

But it is now feared Ronnie may be tempted back into his old ways.

A pal warned last night: "Ronnie needs his brother."

"It's not something he would say himself because he is too proud."

"Hopefully, the pair can get together again before it's too late."

Over the last 12 years Gordon has paid for treatment for his brother at least four times.

In 1999 he footed the bill for Ronnie's £8,000 eight-week stay in The Priory in Roehampton, south-west London.

And when he came out of the clinic, Gordon even gave him a job in one of his restaurants.

Bedside

But within weeks Ronnie repaid Gordon by stealing from him to buy more heroin.

In September 2003 the two brothers came face-to-face for the first time in four years at the bedside of their 58-year-old mum Helen after she suffered a heart attack.

Gordon, 38, encouraged Ronnie to come off drugs again and said later: "I won the lottery for mum, not financially but in bringing back her other son for her."

"Getting Ronnie off drugs was my greatest achievement. We speak twice a week."

"You never get a pat on the back for this kind of thing."

"The great thing for me is that mum is so happy and doesn't have to keep dealing with the police about her son."

Helped by more of the Hell's Kitchen star's cash, Ronnie went to the Far East to do charity work in areas hit by last year's Boxing Day tsunami.

But after breaking his leg and being laid up for months, friends fear his drink and drug demons may have returned.

A source close to Ronnie said: "He's really been struggling recently."

"While he was working he was fine."

"But after breaking his leg he has been in great pain and has started to get bored."

"All of his friends are very concerned. We can't watch him all the time and it wouldn't be a

Picture: TONY LARKIN



YACHT A MESS: Gordon in Spain yesterday, taking part in the Volvo Ocean Race. He has forked out to help Ronnie at least four times in past

EXCLUSIVE
by DOMINIK LEMANSKI

surprise if he was tempted back to drugs."

Keen sailor Gordon was in northern Spain yesterday taking part in the Volvo Ocean Race.

Court

Ronnie has dabbled in drugs including speed, ecstasy, cocaine and finally heroin since he was a

teenager. He has even stolen from his mother's home in Taunton, Somerset, to get money to feed his addiction.

Ronnie also found himself in court in March 2000, when he was put on probation for stealing £70 of batteries from a supermarket.

Most recently, Ronnie entered a detox programme at the Clouds House rehab centre in Wiltshire.



KIDS: Gordon, left, Ronnie, right, in 1972

NIC: I TOOK COKE AT 14

IT GIRL Nicole Richie has revealed how she became hooked on drugs at the age of 14. And the former Simple Life star admitted she "probably would" try heroin again - because of her addictive personality.

After a spell in rehab, Nicole, the adopted daughter of singing legend Lionel, is planning her wedding to hunky lover Adam Goldstein.

But she reckons she could be led astray again in the future because of the type of person she is.

The 24-year-old star admitted her drug problems in a US TV interview.

Cocaine

She was plugging her novel The Truth About Diamonds in which the main character begins using drugs as an escape.

That's something she understands. She said her drug habit began very casually.

"In my circle pot at 13 was normal and so was drinking once in a while but that wasn't really my thing," she said.

"And then I started getting into cocaine at like 14 or 15. And then I stopped and went to heroin - at about 19. Considering I probably don't remember half of what happened to me, I can only imagine how out of control I was."

Ironically, just days before she was due to check into rehab, police found heroin that wasn't hers in the car she was driving. "It was kind of a sign," she said.



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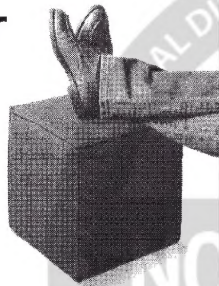


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CURVY: Carla's body drove Ronaldo wild

MANCHESTER United ace Cristiano Ronaldo learned his "leg-over" skills from a sexy English dancer, we can reveal today

The 20-year-old Portuguese football international was just 15 when he had a night of passion with the flame-haired woman nine years his senior.

Unsuspecting Carla Jennings said she had no idea the handsome boy who "bonked like a bunny" was destined for sporting stardom – or that he was so young.

The babe, now 29, only stumbled across the truth when she spotted the midfielder, who signed from Sporting Lisbon in 2003, in David Beckham's old No.7 shirt on the telly.

Curvy Carla was working as a dancer in the Portuguese city of Porto when they were introduced by two men she now believes were chaperones. She said: "It was my birthday and I was enjoying a night out with the girls when my boss introduced me to two men who were with Ronaldo."

Party

"Obviously I noticed how good looking he was but he couldn't speak much English so I spent most of the night chatting to his friends."

"I left the club with them and we went to a nearby apartment to continue the party."

"As I sat in the back of the car with him it was pretty obvious that we fancied each other."

"He told me his name was Cristiano Ronaldo and that he was 18 years old."

"He said that he played football but the rest of our conversation had to be translated by his two friends."

"My stage name was Isabelle and he loved it."

"He whispered 'sexy Isabelle' to me."

"And although we couldn't say much to each other, body language is the universal language of love and we both knew how the other felt."

"By the time we got to the apartment, the chemistry was developing but when his friend showed us the spare room I didn't think much more of it."

"But as the night wore on and after a few more glasses of champagne we

EXCLUSIVE
— by SUSAN HILL —

starting kissing. Cristiano was a really sweet guy and kept stroking my face."

"He loved my long hair and kept telling me that I was beautiful. The more we kept kissing the more we wanted each other."

"He then led me into the spare room and as soon as he closed the door behind us he was all over me."

"He was rampant in every way and I kept trying to slow him down."

"I'd never had anyone so keen before. But it was all extremely flattering."

"He couldn't wait to get my clothes off. I had to show him a few things as it was clear that he wasn't experienced."

Frantic

"We had sex with him on top and he bonked me like a horny bunny rabbit."

"I remember thinking, 'God, slow down'. But he just couldn't."

"It was like he was on some sort of mission."

"He went from being really shy to this wild horny boy."

"It was fast and frantic. Looking back it was probably his first time."

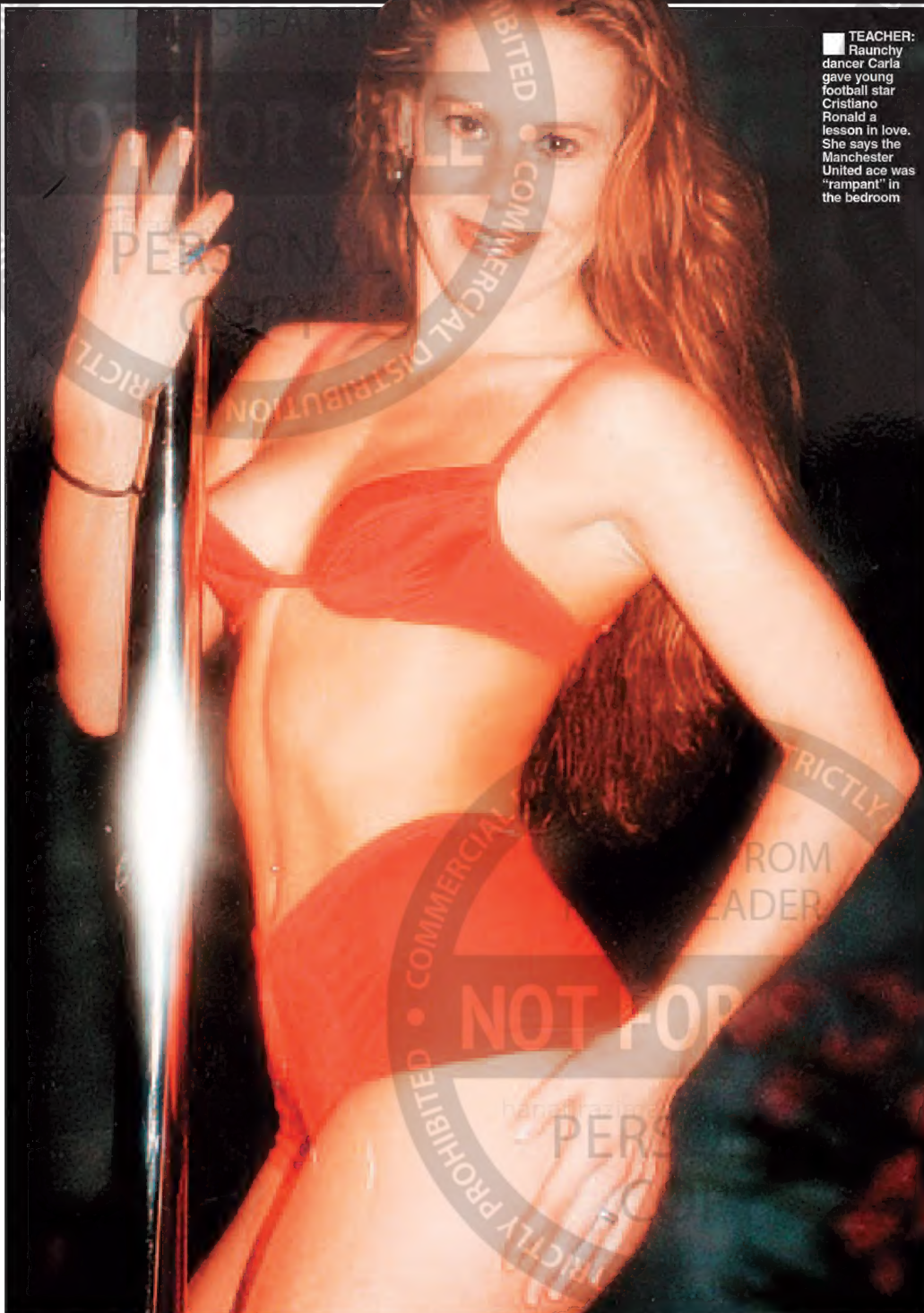
Ronaldo – currently embroiled in a roasting sex scandal after a girl accused him of rape – gave Carla his number and begged her to call as they left each other.

But it was the last time she saw him in the flesh. Days later she flew back to Britain.

Carla, who is now training to be a dance teacher

WITH THE YOUNG

UNITED STAR



TEACHER: Raunchy dancer Carla gave young football star Cristiano Ronaldo a lesson in love. She says the Manchester United ace was "rampant" in the bedroom

while working as a club DJ, next saw him on telly playing for United.

She said: "I heard the name Cristiano Ronaldo and my ears pricked up. 'I went right up to the screen and the camera panned on him and I just thought, 'Oh my God'."

"The second I saw his face I recognised him immediately.

"When you've been that close to somebody you never forget them. I just couldn't believe it. I was

just staring at the television screen and then I got all excited.

"I couldn't believe that the Ronaldo who I'd met all those years ago was now playing for Manchester United. I was really

chuffed for him. I mentioned it to my friends at a party the following week and one of them said that he was still very young.

"Obviously I met him five years ago, so it didn't take a genius to work out

that he was only 15 years old when we met.

"I was just like 'bloody hell'. I would never have done anything had I known."

Speaking of his recent trouble in the wake of the

rape allegation, which he denies, Carla said: "I don't think he's got a bad bone in his body - he's a nice boy."

"Looking back though, I think that the older guys around him should've been setting him a better example.

"They introduced him to a partying lifestyle at such a really young age. They should have been keeping him out of the clubs."

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He bonked me like a horny bunny rabbit

SICK GEORGE 'IS RUNNING OUT OF CASH'

PALS are worried stricken football legend George Best is running out of cash as he battles through his latest health scare. And with his medical bill already running into thousands of pounds, friends fear he may not have enough to pay for the life-saving treatment.

The 59-year-old former Manchester United hero was admitted to West London's Cromwell Hospital, where he is suffering from internal bleeding and kidney problems, at the end of September.

But since his divorce from wife Alex, 33, last year, he has been living off the money he made by selling off his prized football memorabilia.

A source close to the star said: "Back in April George didn't have a lot of cash left and there was no money coming in.

"God knows how he is going to pay for all the treatment he's been receiving."

But his agent Phil Hughes insisted yesterday that George would be paying for the treatment.

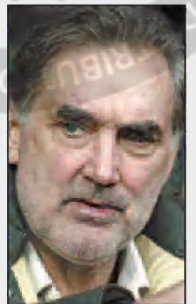
He said: "George doesn't have any medical insurance. He will be paying the bill. We're not sure how much it is at this stage and obviously it's the least of our worries at the moment."

He added: "George is still extremely ill. He's doing a little better than he was but he's still in intensive care and not allowed many visitors.

"We still don't know how long he is going to be in the intensive care unit."

Mr Hughes continued: "He's still on dialysis and will be for another two or three days. The doctors are pleased with his progress.

"But he is very sick - worse than when he had his liver transplant in 2002. He is still very tired and it will be a long haul."



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BLUNKETTY BANK

SO Blunkett's been binned. Again.

With regret he offered his resignation, which really means the slimy old skirt junkie has been dragged kicking and screaming from yet another Government job.

He made a fool of himself, and an idiot of his boss Tony Blair, by humiliating himself with some twenty-something mercenary, then getting involved in some share kerfuffle and finally admitting he forgot to let Parliamentary watchdogs know about the twenty grand he trousered from some deeply boring gigs he inflicted on businessmen and the odd newspaper article.

Tony gave him a second chance and he let him down. Talk about the Blind leading the Bland.

But don't feel too sorry for the arrogant tw*t. He's still living in the luxury pad he moved into when he was Home Secretary. He had to resign from that job almost a year ago but he's still got his white stick under the table and is renting out his London flat.

Dodgy

Then there's the small matter of his redundancy dosh. In fact, it's quite a large matter as his double departures have earned him – and you're going to love this – £37,000. Tax free.

That's right...he cocks up and has to jump before he's pushed and we end up giving Blunkett a bung the size of John Prescott's belly.

And this has happened before. Incredibly, Dodgy Dave is the fourth senior minister appointed by Blair to resign twice from the Government's front bench. The others are Peter Mandelson, Estelle Morris and Alan Milburn.

Imagine if your foreman was caught moonlighting for another firm or fiddling his time sheets and got fired. You'd never see his hairy arse again. So how come this bunch of muppets get a second chance to disappoint – and a second chance to pick up a nice chunk of change?

I've met Blunkett

a couple of times
and he's a big-
headed bore
with delusions
of adequacy

He's also obnoxious and almost as creepy as Peter Dinklage, who has gone to Dark Side...and is now earning bundles

with his snout in the European trough. These people have no shame because their egos take up all the space where their consciences should be.

When people are declared bankrupt they're not allowed to return to the world of finance for a decent period of time. When politicians show themselves to be morally bankrupt and devoid of judgment, they should be banned from public office, not paid off with our money

MEDICAL experts are worried that Sir Alex Ferguson may be coming down with Bird Flu. After Man U sleepwalked to that 1-0 defeat by Lille he was as sick as a parrot. And they've got Chelsea today...I'd sleep in if I were you, Fergie.

CRACKING

start to BBC 2's belting Rome series, with brilliant battle scenes, intrigue and some rollicking rumpy pumpy. James Purefoy as Marc Antony is particularly good.

I'm not sure how authentic it is, though. For a start, when Marc bumped into Brutus he asked: "How are you, me old cock?" as if he's just wandered in from doing a dodgy deal with Del Boy down Peckham way. And then there's the worry that it was set in 52BC, about 1,500 years before Europeans visited South America. So how come the hot Roman totty we saw were all sporting Brazilians?

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Jason Evans, a 34-year-old software engineer, has been successfully brought to justice. He now has a criminal record. His offence? Brace yourselves.

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shame we no longer have capital
punishment. Luckily for Western
Civilisation, Mr Pood was on
hand to make sure Evans was
hailed into court, fined £150 and
given three points on his
licence. Which means we can all
sleep easier in our beds.



LOAD OF YANKERS

■ THE scariest and funniest sight of the week turned up during Charles' and Camilla's visit to the States. And it didn't come courtesy of those publicly-funded Spitting Image puppets.

No, it was the demented Americans protesting about Camilla and "showing solidarity with Princess Di".

Mad-eyed and menopausal, they were a scary version of the saddos who turn up at royal walkabouts waving crumpled paper flags.

crumpled paper mags.

America is at war, reeling from natural disasters and has one of the highest crime and divorce rates in the world. So what gets its middle-class, middle-aged women in a tizzy?

The fact that Prince Charles preferred playing hide the sausage with Camilla than with dim Di.

The Royal Family must be secretly delighted that we lost the American War of Independence in 1776.



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Do we really 'love thy neighbour'?

By Andy Martin

HOW much do we care for those around us? Not much, it seems. As we stand on the edge of the 21st century, the question of how we should live is still as relevant as ever. The answer, it seems, is to look out for ourselves. We're becoming parents at a time when the world is a more dangerous place than ever before. We're living in a world where the odds are stacked against us.

of stepping over boundaries, "Love it to someone who seems to have become the man that we need for our working life in the 21st century. But isn't that self? I wonder, would we still consider it a part of our life's quest, or if we'd ever seen a third slip and break, then?"



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PIRATES AHoy!



CRUEL SEA: Ringed is Somalia and the area of the Indian Ocean where pirates have become such a problem that the Government has called for help

RAIDING PARTY: One of the pirates can clearly be seen carrying a bazooka over his shoulder

Picture: SKY NEWS

Cruise Brits tell of terror attack

THIS is the terrifying moment a cruise ship carrying British holiday-makers came under fire from a gang of bazooka-toting pirates.

Blood-thirsty raiders attacked the Seabourn Spirit yesterday 100 miles off the coast of Somalia.

Amazingly one passenger captured the attack on camera in these amazing pictures shown on Sky News.

Startled passengers, including 18 Brits, were woken at 5.30am by the sound of gunfire as the pirates sped alongside in two 25-foot-long rigid inflatable boats. One rocket ripped through the side of the 134-yard-long, 10,000-ton ship and exploded in a cabin where two people were in bed.

Passenger Norman Fisher, 55, a solicitor from Hampstead Garden Suburb, north London, said: "They were not hurt but you can

by EMMA BAMFORD

Imagine what it would have been like if they had been standing up because their cabin was badly damaged.

"At first I didn't know what was going on.

"But when I saw the rocket launcher I started getting a bit scared.

"The captain didn't sound the usual alarm because he was worried that people would run up on the deck thinking it was a fire, and that would have been the worst place to be.

Hero

"Instead he made an announcement saying, 'Stay inside, stay inside. We are under attack'.

"Most people were wearing dressing gowns and were quite bleary-eyed.

"It was a very surreal experience - not the kind of thing you expect on a cruise."

Fellow passenger Mike Rogers,

from Vancouver, Canada, said: "We were after adventure, but this was a little more than we were looking for."

Hero captain Sven Erik Pedersen tried to ram one of the inflatables in a bid to capsize it but the boat was too small and too fast to catch.

Eventually the crew repelled the attackers using an ear-splitting electric noise grenade.

One of the crew was injured by flying debris but the other 301 people on board the liner were unhurt.

David Dingle, a spokesman for Miami-based Seabourn Cruises, said: "The captain and crew did a fantastic job."

The liner was heading for Mombasa in Kenya after setting off from Alexandria in Egypt on a 16-day cruise.

It has cancelled its stop in Mombasa and will end the cruise in the Seychelles tomorrow.

The ship, which offers the

height of luxury with huge suites, marble bathrooms and more than one crew member to each passenger, was off east Africa in an area of the Indian Ocean notorious for piracy.

Since March, there have been 27 attacks - two of them on food-aid ships were successful - and Somalia has called for international help to stop the strikes.

Violent

Piracy, which costs £15 billion a year, tripled between 1993 and 2003 but raids had dropped off recently.

Bandits are often after cash held in a ship's safe and the personal belongings of those on board.

They use hi-tech equipment like mobile phones and devices for eavesdropping on satellite communication networks to pinpoint a ship's location.

When they strike they sometimes force the crew off a ship, sail it to the nearest port and respray it.

The raids are often violent with crews tied up and even shot.

The International Maritime Bureau says that pirates murdered 30 crew members last year.

Hotspots are waters around south-east Asia and Africa, the Red Sea, south and central America and the Caribbean.

Indonesian waters are hit worst with 93 incidents reported in 2004.

Pals hunt called off

POLICE divers last night called off their search for two tragic teenagers swept out to sea while fishing.

Pals Matthew Myburgh, 16, and Charles Morrell, 15, went missing on Thursday after being dragged from rocks by a freak wave at Lulworth Cove, Dorset.

Got 'em foxed...

BOTH sides claimed victory yesterday on the first day of hunting since the ban on using dogs for the sport in England.

"Pro" lobbyists said many hunts had defied the ban. "Antis" said they were pleased that few had.

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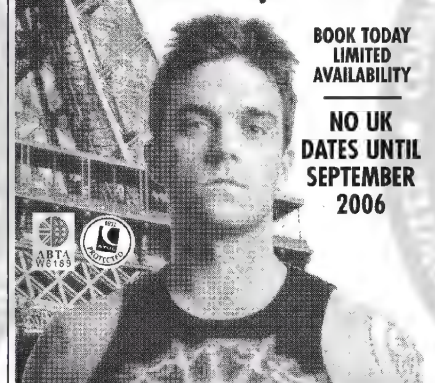
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CHICKENS are being used to detect deadly bird flu at Singapore airport. "They've no immunity so they will be the first ones to fall ill if there is an outbreak of an infectious disease," said an official.

CHEL'S KITCHEN

Jose pays £1m for restaurant

CHELSEA boss Jose Mourinho is pitching his managerial skills into a new business venture...splashing out £1million on a swanky restaurant.

And the Stamford Bridge chief is expecting ALL his players to sample his culinary delights when the restaurant opens to the public.

For the newly-acquired premises are just a stone's throw away from the West London club's training ground in Cobham, Surrey.

And after insisting every Chelsea player lives as near to the training ground as possible, Mourinho will not be happy if his wealthy stars spend evenings out elsewhere.

A source close to the 42-year-old said: "Jose has been looking to open a restaurant for some time.

Builders

"He enjoys his food and knows just how important it is that footballers have a healthy diet. He looked at a few premises in London but decided posh Cobham would be the perfect location.

"The restaurant is extremely close to the club's training ground and will provide his players with somewhere to eat once they've been put through their paces.

"But with so many of his players living in the area he is also expecting them to treat their wives and girlfriends to a night out there too.

"He had a look around the premises again last week and is currently working with builders to oversee its renovation."

The restaurant, situated in the heart of Cobham, used to be an American diner but it closed down back in July.

Snobs

Mourinho looks set to turn the vacant premises into an upmarket retreat in keeping with the area.

A local shopkeeper said: "The American diner was popular with teenagers but didn't attract the wealthier residents.

"Everyone is talking about the fact that Jose snapped up the premises.

"But there are definitely mixed feelings about the kind of restaurant that he is going to turn it into.

"There are quite a few

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by SUSAN HILL

Jose's Special Menu

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Whole Crespo duck with Russian salad

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Kylie set for night on tiles...

POP princess Kylie Minogue has always been a stylish diva – as this never-before-seen picture from 1992 proves. The classic black mini dress shows off her famous pins to perfection – and now the picture is to feature in a special exhibition of iconic rock images.

Kylie, 37, who is battling breast cancer, is hoping to be well enough to visit the photographic exhibition, which also features pictures of stars including Jay Z, Bob Marley and Iggy Pop.

The pop babe, who is currently undergoing treatment in Paris, was said to be "looking happy and putting on weight again" when she was spotted there recently.

And she's now hoping to put in an appearance at London's Proud Gallery in Camden, to see the photographs for herself.

Hopes

A source said: "She is battling back and is getting stronger every day.

"She would love to put in an appearance at the exhibition and have a look.

"Kylie is very honoured and hopes to have a peek."

The feisty star is being supported in her cancer battle by her French actor boyfriend Olivier Martinez, 39, and her mum Carol, who recently flew to Paris from her home in Australia to be at her daughter's side.

The exhibition, Can You Handle It, will start on Thursday to celebrate the launch of the new Sony Walkman MP3 and to mark 25 years of the Sony Walkman and celebrating the dark side of rock.

Picture: STEVE DOUBBLE: SONY WALKMAN GALLERY

Asylum seeker

TROUBLED footie boss Paul Gascoigne is planning to set up home – in a former mental asylum.

The 38-year-old – previously treated for alcoholism at celebrity rehab clinic The Priory – hopes to make a fresh start in a village a few miles from his new team, Kettering Town.

The former England star, recovering from a spinal injury, has made an offer on a £300,000 flat in a converted 17th Century hospital and asylum in Rothwell, Northants.

A source revealed: "The flats look out on to the old market square and the church, and it is a really pretty spot. He's put an offer on a three-bedroom flat and he hopes to have one of the bedrooms for his eight-year-old son Regan.

"He's not bothered that he has had his demons and the hospital also doubled as a mental home. Gazza sees the funny side."

Gazza, leading the non-league Poppies in the FA Cup yesterday, said, said: "I am settling in at the club. People in Kettering have been fantastic."



FLAT PLAN: Gazza's homing in

SPOTTED

IN London: **Duran Duran** star **Simon Le Bon** treating his wife **Yasmin** to a slap-up meal at The Ivy; **Kate Lawler** giggling with a pal in Ann Summers, Oxford Street; **Dannii Minogue** enjoying tea with two girlfriends at Fortnum and Mason; **Patrick Stewart** reading a film script at The Groucho Club; **Ms Dynamite** nibbling on a burger at the Hard Rock Cafe.

THE GOSS

With CHARLI MORGAN, LEIGH PURVES and AMY WATTS

CLOONEY SAYS NO

Hunk turns down our Charli

IMPOSSIBLY delicious actor **George Clooney** has turned down my offer of marriage... and then asked me to find him a Mrs Clooney.

This is because he hates being Hollywood's most eligible bachelor.

Being the thoughtful, selfless gal that I am, I put the Silver Fox's feelings before my own and offered to take his delectable hand in marriage.

But the 44-year-old - who was clearly not grasping the sincerity of my offer - declined.

He then explained that he doubts he will ever get hitched, because he has never managed to find a woman he can settle down with. George told me: "I am single. I don't know if anyone's ever

EXCLUSIVE
— by CHARLI MORGAN —

happily single. But I am looking for love.

"If you happen to spot any potential wives, that would be helpful. But perhaps I will always be a bachelor."

The hunky actor denied reports he has rekindled his romance with ex-girlfriend **Lisa Snowden**, who agreed to end their on/off five-year relationship in June.

Squeeze

And he insisted sexy presenter **Lisa** was at the London premiere of his new movie *Good Night and Good Luck* last Thursday because she helped him with the film.

He explained: "We're still good friends. The film was a big part of her life, too. She was a great Lisa came."

George - who has dated a string

of gorgeous beauties including *Baywatch* babe **Krista Allen**, 34, **Renee Zellweger**, 36, and husky-voiced **Mariella Frostrup**, 42 - is apparently scouring Italy for his next squeeze.

The Oceans 12 uberhunk, who owns a fabulous Lake Como villa, said: "The ladies are very beautiful in Italy. It must be something in the water."

But despite the plethora of bella babes, George has bet his showbiz pals - **Nicole Kidman** and **Michelle Pfeiffer** \$40,000 that he will still be a childless singleton when he's 50.

He said: "They each bet \$10,000 that I'd be a dad before I was 40."

"But I sent both of them back their cheques and said: 'Let's go double or nothing until I'm 50'."

"So I'll have to be careful with the ladies for the next six years. No weddings or kids."

Not if I've got anything to do with it, Mr Clooney. Nicole and Michelle should expect their dosh within the next few days...

Van man
Jamie is a
real card

IS it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's **Jamie Oliver** flying with his family in his trademark VW Van.

The 30-year-old pukka chef is using this festive picture of his missus **Joels**, 29, and their two kids on his Christmas cards. He'd better not send any to Hogwarts Castle, though, as *Harry Potter's* flying movie car was recently stolen. And here is the photographic proof of the Oliver clan making their speedy getaway.

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HUSH HUSH

WHICH A-list actress was rushed to a Tinseltown hospital after getting a ping-pong ball lodged in an intimate area? The blonde made doctors sign a confidentiality agreement before treating her. But they found it difficult to keep their mouths shut after she told them the accident occurred when she fell during an "impassioned game of table tennis". We hope she remembers her undies next time she dusts off her bats...

QUICKIE..

CHRIS Martin has given the biggest hint yet that his missus **Gwyneth Paltrow** is expecting a baby.

Chris, 28, told us: "It's important to keep working when you've got a growing family. So I'm very busy." Presumably Gwyneth has earned a few coins which she can chuck your way, Chris?

Dear dairy

SARAH Ferguson might cancel her private tennis classes with Wimbledon aces **Serena and Venus Williams** if she finds out that the secret of a bootlicious bum is... milk.

The 46-year-old ginger royal begged the sexy sisters to help her shed the pounds.

Now that Serena is the latest celeb to sport a milk moustache for America's Got Milk? ad campaign, she insists the white stuff keeps her svelte and firm. We're off to pull some udders...

FANTASY: How George and Charli may have looked as a couple... if he hadn't turned her down flat

Frocking hell...

We don't know why **Sarah Jessica Parker** is smiling. Carrie Bradshaw would stamp her Manolos in disgust if she caught the 40-year-old leaving the set of her New York movie, *Spinning Into Butter* in this frock horror. Halloween was last week, Sarah.

SCRUFFY: Sarah heads to the soup kitchen for some soup and a dry roll or something



KEVIN Federline's ex **Shar Jackson**, inset, has a message for **Britney Spears**: "I told you so." The former *Moesha* star was devastated last year when Kevin, 27, left her for Britney, 23, while she was pregnant with their second child Kaleb. So she has little sympathy for Britney, who is struggling to care for their baby son Sean Preston while Kevin parties. Shar said: "C'mon, did you think things were going to be different?" He probably hasn't changed a nappy yet, either.

Hot model gets a spare Tyra for a good cause

BLIMEY, it does look like supermodel **Tyra Banks** has let herself go. But unfortunately, the sickeningly sexy supermodel hasn't eaten all the pies. She allowed make-up artists to make her look like the **Notorious B.I.G** in drag for an upcoming episode of her programme, *The Tyra Banks Show*. The 31-year-old babe is used to turning heads, but she faced laughter and verbal abuse when she donned the fat suit, which gave the appearance she weighed 350lbs. She complained: "The people that were staring and laughing in my face, that shocked me the most. As soon as I went shopping in the suit, I immediately heard sniggers."

We promise to keep a straight face next time, Tyra.

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IN DEMAND: Prince

Prince is Extra special

POP weirdo Prince is being lined up by Ricky Gervais to appear in the hit comedy show Extras.

Ricky's writing partner Stephen Merchant revealed yesterday that they are working on scripts for a second series. And they are desperate to get the mega-star singer, 47, to play alongside 44-year-old Ricky's character Andy Millman, the struggling extra on movie sets.

Stephen, 28, said: "The person I would really like to get on it is Prince."

"I was thinking the other day that I have no idea what he is like in real life."

Big

Last time stars including Samuel L. Jackson, 56, Kate Winslet, 30, and Vinnie Jones, 40, signed up for the BBC comedy.

But Merchant played down the chances of getting two other big names who have been rumoured to be taking part.

Speaking on SoccerAM, he said: "Ricky approached Madonna and Brad Pitt at Live 8 and they said Yes."

"But I think it was like when an annoying bloke in your office asks you to a barbecue at the weekend."

"You say, 'Yeah, if I have got time' but you don't really mean it."

Shirt hits the fan...

A STORE stocking saucy T-shirts is in hot water again with sex campaigners.

It is selling girls' tops emblazoned with "Who Needs Brains When You Have These?" and "I Had A Nightmare I Was A Brunette".

Now American firm Abercrombie & Fitch has agreed to drop the lines after complaints from a Pennsylvania foundation which promotes sex equality.

And it's not the first time they've offended people.

Last year, they upset gymnasts with a shirt slogan saying "L Is For Loser" next to an athlete on the rings.

In 2002, they sold tops depicting slant-eyed men with the words: "Wong Brothers Laundry Service. Two Wongs Can Make It White".

GRAN'S NICKERS

A BORED granny seeking excitement in Genoa, Italy, shoplifted jewellery worth £70,000 by hiding the gems in her knickers.

Sexy Nikki Sanderson opens her heart about life

SEX BOMB: Nikki was a huge hit with Corrie viewers – especially the fellas. And no wonder, when she can look as good as this in a bikini



Picture: CORBIS OUTLINE

I've always lived in the North and I'm staying

Me an Essex girl?

NOT ON YOUR NELLY, CHUCK

SHE'LL be clattering her way down the Corrie cobbles in her high heels for the last time this week.

But soap sex bomb Nikki Sanderson, who plays hairdresser Candice Stowe, will be staying true to her northern roots.

In an exclusive interview, Nikki denied reports she'll be moving south to live with her boyfriend Danny Young.

The actor, 19, who played wannabe footballer Warren Baldwin in the soap, has a home in Basildon, Essex.

But Nikki, 21, has no plans to become an Essex girl.

She told the Daily Star Sunday: "I'd just like to say that it's not true."

"My boyfriend does have a house in Essex but I don't."

"I live with my mum up north, half-an-hour out of Manchester in Bury, and that's where I'm staying."

Bizarre

And she'll be spending Christmas with her family, adding: "I'll be at home because I am a northerner."

She also denied claims that she and Danny will be getting married next year.

Nikki said: "We are very happy but we've been together less than a year, so it's not true at all that we're getting married."

"That's another rumour that I can squash."

Her character Candice quits The Street after six years to go "snipping all over the world" as hairdresser to Status Quo.

The head-banging rock giants appeared in the soap last week at the bizarre

wedding celebrations of layabout Les Battersby (actor Bruce Jones) and loud-mouth Cilla Brown (Wendi Peters).

And the chaotic marriage is among her warmest Corrie memories – in more ways than one.

Nikki revealed: "It took eight days to film Cilla's wedding. It was great fun but it was long hours and it was tiring."

"Wendi had to wear the wedding dress for eight days straight."

"And I had leather pants on all the time so I was really hot."

To cope with the heat, Nikki and the rest of the cast swigged down pint after pint of shandy.

She said: "It's kind of drinking. But it would take you a lot to get drunk!"

Nikki filmed her final scenes at the end of September.

And she admitted she is already missing her Corrie friends, especially Tina O'Brien (Sarah Platt) and Samia Smith (fellow hairdresser Maria Sutherland).

She said: "They were my favourite, closest pals on set. But I really admire Sue Nicholls, who plays Audrey – she was so funny."

"And Liz Dawn, who plays Vera Duckworth, is amazing as well."

"Working with people I have been watching on TV since I was born was fantastic."

But after leaving the Weatherfield set she has been inundated with offers. Last week she was switching on the Christmas lights at the massive Lakeside shopping centre in Thurrock, not far from boyfriend Danny's house.

And she is also rumoured to be close to signing a major record deal. She has

EXCLUSIVE
by EMMA BAMFORD

beyond the cobbles of Corrie

STOCKING THRILLER: Sizzling Nikki switches on the Christmas lights at the Lakeside last week – and turns on Santa by sitting on his knee...



already shown she has what it takes to be a pop star, having appeared twice on *Celebrity Stars In Their Eyes*.

She won as LeAnn Rimes in 2002 and also performed brilliantly as Britney Spears last year.

More recently, she took to the stage in ITV's *Madonna Mania* special to sing Papa Don't Preach, wearing a £12,000 diamond-studded dress.

Style

But Nikki refused to confirm she was launching a singing career.

And instead she confirmed that she has turned down another offer – to head into the jungle on *I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here*!

She said: "In years to come, I don't know. You don't know what's going to come around the corner. We'll see. I'm definitely

not doing *I'm A Celebrity* though." She plans to reinvent herself – looking to sexy movie actress Sienna Miller for inspiration.

She said: "Copying other people's style. That's what I do."

"I'll see what Sienna Miller is wearing and do that. I don't think I am a fashion icon."

And boyfriend Danny had better watch out – Nikki also has plans to mingle with the celebrity jetset.

She admitted: "A kiss with Orlando Bloom or Thierry Henry would be very nice!"

But it seems that she will forever be linked with Coronation Street – whether she likes it or not.

She revealed: "I did one radio interview and they played the theme tune for 12 minutes before I went on the air!"



HUNK: Nikki's actor boyfriend Danny Young

CAUGHT ...BY THE GHOULIES

EXCLUSIVE by DOMINIK LEMANSKI

TELLY spook hunter Derek Acorah claims he was seconds from death after being "possessed" by the spirit of a murderer who died from a heart attack.

The medium clutched his chest and gasped for air in front of his horrified camera crew when, he says, the evil monster climbed into his body and forced him to suffer the pain of the fatal coronary.

And the spiteful spook, filmed for Acorah's new series *Ghost Towns*, isn't the only ghoul on the spool...

One sharp-tongued spirit kept calling show presenter Danniella Westbrook a SLAG. Derek, 55, had his close encounter of the sinister kind at the Old Post Office pub in Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

He said: "We found the spirit of a guy who murdered a young lady. He was never brought to justice for the killing and eventually died of a massive heart attack."

"When confronted, he jumped in my body and was determined not to leave it."

"I had to face him but he was rejecting me. He was so angry."

Tussle

"In the end I had to be taken outside. I was sweating and had to rest on some railings as I was suffering from the residual energy of a heart attack."

"When I felt stronger, I went back in and finished the task."

"It took me three attempts to win the tussle with him but, in the end, I sent him to the lowest side of the highest side of life – effectively a hell state."

Millions of viewers are expected to tune in to the new series, hosted by Danniella, 31, and Angus Purden, 30, after getting hooked on its *Livingtv* forerunner, *Most Haunted*.

Derek will visit eight locations across the UK.

He said: "It's the first time we've gone to people's homes and asked them about paranormal activity."

"Nothing was pre-

Sharon Marshall
I always had Dan down as a little slapper

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rehearsed. When we turned up on doorsteps the response was fantastic."

"We had so many different experiences."

Before making it big in the psychic world, footie-mad Derek was on the books of Liverpool FC as a youngster. He later played in the US, Australian and Northern Irish leagues.

● *Ghost Towns*, *Livingtv* at 9pm tomorrow.

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